

Contact Information

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Have you considered E-giving?

Envelopes with an "E" on the front, prayer requests or thanks can be placed in the offering bags on a Sunday morning.

** Payments can now be made by EFTPOS on Sunday.

Café Church

6:00pm



A relaxed, contemporary service held every Sunday in the Church Hall. This week's team will be:

Leader: James **Technical Crew:** David **Topic:** Building Legacies

Today

Leader— Kathryn(am) & James(pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Ailsa

Welcome— Cath

Manager— John

Musicians— Brunetta

Technical Crew— Lucinda & Ruan
(am) David(pm)

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Ailsa and Tina

Next Week

Leader— James (am & pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Owen

Welcome— Faye

Manager— Neil

Musicians — Brunetta

Technical Crew— Lucinda, Rykhardt,
(am) Ralph (pm)

Editing— Rykhardt (Audio)

Morning Tea— Peter & Yvonne

The Weekly Word

Sunday 30th November 2025



Golden Grove Uniting Church Mission Statement

We are a Gospel-driven, connected, generous church family, mission-minded and outwardly focused.

Today

Preacher— James

Reader— Ailsa

Theme – You Awake Yet?

Reading: Matt: 24:36-44

The Candle of Hope *

Hope is often a small light—fragile, flickering—but Scripture reminds us that God's most significant works begin this way. A baby born in obscurity. A promise whispered through prophets. A light shining in the darkness.



When we light the Candle of Hope, we aren't denying the realities of our world. Instead, we are declaring something more profound: that God is faithful even when life feels uncertain. Hope doesn't rely on good circumstances. It rests on the character of God.

In a world restless with worry, Advent invites us to lift our eyes and remember that God still comes – into our waiting, into our concerns, into our lives. This week, as you remember that small flame, may your prayer be simple:

Lord, renew my hope. Steady my heart. Strengthen my spirit. Remind me that You are near.

The God who came once to Bethlehem comes again—into our hearts, our homes, our world—with the light no darkness can overcome.

*Also called the "Prophecy Candle," it recalls the Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah's arrival and the hope He brings to the world.

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Thought for the Week

As we go into the Advent Season may we be reminded that if we take out Christ there is NO Christmas. May we also receive boldness through the Holy Spirit to remind our family and friends of this fact. Jesus the Christ child IS the reason for the season.



happy 80th birthday

Congratulations on your 80th Birthday, Faye! May God bless you and grant you long life, prosperity, and happiness for all your days!



GGUC Council Elections for 2026

The elections resulted in the following Church Council membership for 2026:

Councillors

Chris Holroyd
Coral Larcombe
Neil Larcombe
David Mapp
Trevor Walker

Elders

Tim Checkley
Julia Delen
Andrew MacTier
Linda Mapp
Sue Rhodes
Sandy Walker



Jonathan Button, James Ross-Naylor and Cath McKechnie are permanent members of Church Council.

Golden Grove UCA congregation thanks Sheila, Kath and Ralph for their dedicated and valuable work in Church Council over the last two years.

Andrew MacTier, Congregational Chair

Advent theme for next week is Peace.

Women's Fellowship

The Bridgeway hotel has been booked for this year's Women's Fellowship Christmas Lunch. If you would like to attend this function, could you please add your name to the list on the back table. Could you also write down if you require a lift there. To add to the fun, we ask that you bring a small gift to the value of \$5 for a Kris Kringle activity.



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PEACE
LOVE
OPTIMISM
BELIEF
TOGETHER
STRENGTH
ENDURANCE
AMBITION
HOPEFUL
POSITIVITY
JOY
LIGHT
SURVIVOR
PATH
POWER
ASPIRATION
GOAL
DESIRE



Dear Lord,
Plant Your hope within us again—quietly, gently, faithfully—that we may trust Your promises and rest in Your care.
Amen

Important Dates 2025

Youth 3:16 Friday 5th December Excursion (TBA) 6:15 pm

Women's Fellowship Christmas Lunch Thursday 4th December

Working Bee—Saturday 6th December

Advent Friend Sunday 7th December Peace